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APPEAL FOR FUNDS

FOR THE ERECTION OF

The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Victoria, B. C. April 2nd, 1887.

Dear Sir:

The happy advent of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, has stirred the hearts of all her loyal subjects throughout her vast Empire in all quarters of the globe, to give expression to their appreciation of the blessings they have enjoyed during her reign of half a century.

From this universal feeling has arisen, spontaneously on all sides, a desire to signalize the occasion by the erection of a Jubilee Hospital, for the reception of all persons, without any distinction of race, color, creed, class or denomination, as the contribution of all British Columbia to the Jubilee year. Accordingly, at a largely attended meeting of citizens, held on the 21st day of February last, at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, it was unanimously decided to erect a new Hospital, as the most appropriate and enduring testimonial in recognition of the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

As a preliminary to carrying out this project, a Deputation was appointed to wait upon the Government and lay the matter fully before them. This was done on the 23rd of February, and the members of the Cabinet promised full consideration of the matter, finally resulting in their placing on the Supplementary Estimates as subsequently confirmed by the Legislative Assembly, a sum of $20,000 as a contribution to the fund, provided the people raised an equal amount. If only $15,000 was raised by subscription they would only give its equivalent, but would not exceed the *$20,000.*

The General Committee met on the 1st of this month to consider this proposal, and over $5,000 was subscribed at the meeting. A resolution was then passed to make a general appeal and to commence with Victoria, dividing the City into 14 sections, to make a thorough canvass for funds to raise the total amount. The work of mapping out the City has now been arranged, and the various members of the committees appointed thereon will have the pleasure of waiting upon you personally very shortly, to solicit your subscription to this worthy object, when it is hoped you will subscribe quickly and liberally.

The increasing population of the Province renders the erection of such a building an absolute necessity, and as the present accommodation is largely made use of by patients from all parts of the Province, it cannot be too strongly impressed upon all, that not only a strong but a general effort has to be put forth at once to attain the desired object.

In the building which it is intended to erect the latest improvements will be introduced, and every want filled, namely: pay-patients ward, females ward, operating room, nurses staff and every convenience that modern medical science can suggest.

It is intended, on completion of the Jubilee Hospital, to make over to it the present Royal Hospital, its funds and property.

The questions of site and issue of advertisement for plans, will have to be deferred until the amount of $15,000 has been contributed by the public; when that is accomplished not a day will be lost in proceeding with the good work. You are therefore earnestly requested to contribute heartily, and one and all by voice and influence assist the Committee in their efforts. Every contribution, however small, will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged.

The fact that of two principal Cities of the Province one bears the name of Her Majesty and the other is "Royal" by Proclamation is an evidence of the devoted loyalty of the Province, which will no doubt be especially manifested on so auspicious an occasion. The Committee feel certain that no act will be better appreciated by Her Majesty than the erection of an institution devoted to the alleviation of human suffering, and they do not doubt but that such united action to effect a common benefit will tend to cement those bonds of attachment to the "old country" which we all more or less cherish, and afford a strong practical proof of the thankfulnes with which we regard the blessings of peace and prosperity.

A list of the General Committee is annexed—with power to add to their number. A supplementary list of the Mainland Members of same will shortly be forwarded.

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